THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of Madhya Pradesh in 2003 has already conveyed their consent for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa and Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal links. Secretary (WR) held a meeting with Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on 11.01.2005 for sorting out issues for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Ken-Betwa & Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link. The State Governments raised apprehensions on sharing cost of the project, loss of hydropower due to the proposed links, control mechnism for link and structures of project and sharing of water etc. Subsequently, Government of Uttar Pradesh has conveyed their conditional consent for signing of MoU for preparation of DPR of Ken-Betwa link in March, 2005. A modified MoU was sent to Government of Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh in May, 2005 for their approval. A meeting was also held with the representatives of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on 20th June, 2005 wherein the matter regarding overcoming the reservations of Government of Uttar Pradesh on water sharing was discussed.

Government of Rajasthan has not conveyed their decision regarding preparation of DPR for Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link.

Restoration of Water Bodies

224. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal for restoration of existing water bodies (Tanks) directly linked to agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to clear the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Karnataka has sent the proposal for two district in two phases as given below:

Sl.No.	Name of District	Estimated Cost (Rs. in crore)
1.	Gulbarga	31.64
2.	Banglore (Rural)	11.01
3.	Gulbarga (phase-II)	3.90
4.	Bangalore Rural (phase-II)	36.74

(c) and (d) Ministry of Water Resources has approved the proposals (Sl. No. 1 & 2) in phase I during 2004-05 at an estimated cost of Rs. 42.65 crore. The Central share of Rs. 4.42 crore for Bulbarga and Rs. 1.00 crore for Banglore Rural has been released to State Government of Karnataka during 2004-05. The projet proposal for Gulbarga (phase II) in Karnataka is under process in the Ministry of Water Resources. The project proposal for Banglore rural (Phase II) is being re-examined by CWC in consultation with the State to bring down the cost per hectare of additional potential within the eligible limit.

Linking of Rivers

†225. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States are facing heavy floods with the onset of the Monsoon this year;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to draw special strategy or action plan to get rid of the flood problem in the country; and

(c) whether solution of the flood problem is possible by linking all the rivers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Flood throughout the world cannot be fully controlled. It is to be managed to the best of ability on technical merit of the problem from place to place. However, Flood Management being within the purview of States, the schemes for flood control are planned, funded and executed by the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.